



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

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Serial No.: Unassigned (§53b Continuation of 08/446,278)

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For: DIGITAL INFORMATION SYSTEM, DIGITAL AUDIO  
SIGNAL PROCESSOR AND SIGNAL CONVERTER

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Applicants hereby submit the attached information for consideration by the Office under 37 C.F.R. §1.98, as listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

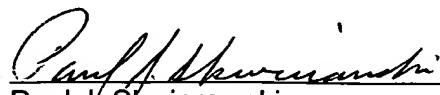
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